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SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS

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Social work has been an integral component of the health care system, and the profession continues to play a leadership role in the psychosocial aspects of health care. Today, social workers are present in settings across the health care continuum, including prevention and public health, primary and acute care, specialty care, rehabilitation, home health, long-term care. Professional social workers provide services to individuals and families throughout the life span, addressing the full range of bio-psycho-social, spiritual and environmental issues that affect well-being. Social work's strengths-based, person-in environment perspective provides the contextual focus necessary for client- and family-centered care and is unique among the health professions. Social work addresses social issues that constrain the betterment of a community. Social workers work in a variety of settings: family services, children's aid, general and psychiatric hospitals, school boards, correctional institutions, welfare administration, federal and provincial departments. Social workers provide services as members of a multidisciplinary team or on a one-to-one basis with the client in the health care centre. The duties performed by social workers vary depending on the settings in which they work. The core mission of social work is to promote social justice and welfare through social work practice and policy making. However, social work practice is struggling to deal effectively with the development challenges.

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